

OPINION 1518

Harpa articularis Lamarck, 1822 (Mollusca, Gastropoda): specific name conserved

Ruling

(1) Under the plenary powers the specific name *delicata* Perry, 1811, as published in the binomen *Harpa delicata*, is hereby suppressed for the purposes of the Principle of Priority but not for those of the Principle of Homonymy.

(2) The name *articularis* Lamarck, 1822, as published in the binomen *Harpa articularis*, is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology.

(3) The name *delicata* Perry, 1811, as published in the binomen *Harpa delicata* and as suppressed in (1) above, is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Specific Names in Zoology.

History of Case 2548

An application for the conservation of *Harpa articularis* Lamarck, 1822 was received from Dr H. A. Rehder and Mr R. E. Petit (Smithsonian Institution, Washington, U.S.A.) on 19 December 1985. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 44: 19–20 (March 1987). Notice of the case was sent to appropriate journals. A supportive comment was received from Dr W. O. Cernohorsky (Auckland Institute and Museum, New Zealand). A letter was received from Mr R. E. Petit, who pointed out that *Harpa articularis* Lamarck, 1822 is not threatened by *H. urniformis* Perry, 1811 as published in the Abstract of the application. The latter name was thought to be a possible senior synonym of *H. ventricosa* Lamarck, 1816 and it was for this reason that its suppression was sought.

The 'Bulletin of the American Malacological Union' in the Petit (1984) reference (BZN 44: 20) should read 'American Malacological Bulletin'.

Decision of the Commission

On 1 March 1988 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 44: 20. At the close of the voting period on 1 June 1988 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes — 22: Alvarado, Bayer, Cocks, Cogger, Corliss, Dupuis, Hahn, Halvorsen, Heppell, Holthuis, Kabata, Kraus, Lehtinen, Melville, Mroczkowski, Ride, Savage, Schuster, Starobogatov, Thompson, Uéno, Willink

Negative votes — none.

No votes were returned by Bernardi, Gruchy and Trjapitzin.

It became apparent during the voting period that *ventricosa* Lamarck dates from 1801, not 1816 as stated in the application. It is now believed that any problems involved with *Harpa ventricosa* and *H. urniformis* are purely taxonomic and that portion of the application has been withdrawn.

Original references

The following are the original references to the names placed on an Official List and an Official Index by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

articularis, *Harpa*, Lamarck, 1822, *Histoire Naturelle des Animaux sans Vertèbres*, part 7, p. 256.
delicata, *Harpa*, Perry, 1811, *Conchology, or the Natural History of Shells; containing a new arrangement of the genera and species . . .*, pl. 40, fig. 2.